



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 22, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Molina's recommendation to support S. 1637 (Grassley) and H.R. 4550 (Thomas), legislation which would curb runaway film production to foreign countries by providing better tax treatment to firms that make films in the United States; and send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation urging support for S. 1637 and H.R. 4550.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Film production is a key element of the County's economic base, supporting thousands of jobs and related businesses. While Los Angeles and California have suffered from 'runaway productions' to other localities and states, the United States as a whole has suffered the same to foreign countries.

"The United States Congress is currently considering legislation, S. 1637 (Grassley) and H.R. 4550 (Thomas) to reform corporate taxes, including the enhancement of tax deductions for film productions made in the United States. According to the Senate report on S. 1637, runaway productions drain the United States economy by as much as \$10 billion per year.

"Enhancing the Federal tax treatment of United States film production will help 'level the playing field' with foreign countries, and protect an important job base for the County's economy."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of S. 1637 (Grassley), legislation which would curb runaway film production to foreign countries by providing better tax treatment to firms that make films in the United States; and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation urging support for S. 1637.

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